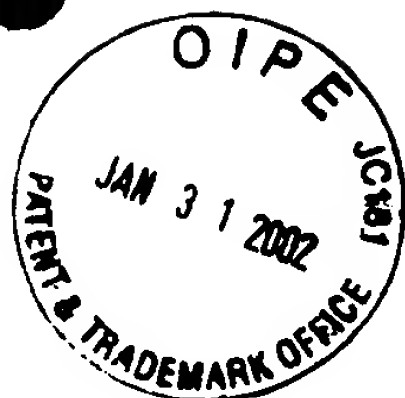


ABSTRACT



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The present invention pertains to a solvent based coating composition comprising

A) at least one toner base comprising an acrylic polyol, a cellulose resin, a
5 polyester polyol, and a pigment,

B) at least one connector base comprising at least one resin compatible with the
resins mentioned in toner base A), and

C) at least one reducer base free of resins and pigments.

10 It has been found that the coating composition of the present invention does not
have drawbacks such as insufficient hiding, a high sensitivity for cloudiness, and a
loss of brightness or colour. Such drawbacks are often found in base coat
compositions. Furthermore, the coating composition of the present invention
provides a very flexible application window. Due to a selection of resins, additives,
15 and/or fillers to be used in the connector base (B), the use and properties of the
coating composition of the present invention can be modified. For example, an
interior coating may be prepared from the coating composition of the present
invention with excellent properties such as gloss level and scratch resistance.